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Sunday 21st December 2025

YOUR SERVICES THIS WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2)

Saturday 20th December

Sunday 21st December

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Monday 22nd December

Tuesday 23rd December

Wednesday 24th December

Thursday 25th December

Thursday 25th December

Thursday 25th December

Friday 26th December

Saturday 27th December

Sunday 28th December

Sunday 28th December

Monday 29th December

Tuesday 30th December

Wednesday 31st December

Thursday 1st January

Friday 2nd January

Saturday 3rd January

Sunday 4th January

Sunday 4th January

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Weekday of Advent (O Rex Gentium)

Weekday of Advent II (O Emmanuel)

Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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St Stephen

Feast of the Holy Family

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Feast of St Thomas Beckett

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Epiphany of the Lord

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Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK)

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Betty Fitzroy (Anniversary)

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Mass: 19:30 (CTK) (Carols at 19:00)

Mass: 10:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) (Quiet Mass)

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) (Live Crib) Mr & Mrs Rinn

Mass: 10:00 (CTK) Eileen Helm +

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Bernard & Anna Fox

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Patrick Murphy

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Mass: 10:00 (CTK) George Kennedy +

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Mass: 12:00 (CTK)

Mass: 10:00 (CTK)

Mass: 17:00 (HC)

Mass: 09:00 (CTK) Mark, Helen & Len Jacobs +

Mass: 10:30 (CTK) Peter Johnson +

(CTK) = CHRIST THE KING

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Live Stream: the Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am Masses at Christ The King are available on Live Stream for those unable to attend in person:

[Live Services – Christ The King & Holy Cross](#)

Confessions: Are available by request, before or after Mass, please ask Father Frank for a convenient time.

Holy Hour: Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – Thursday 10.30-11.30

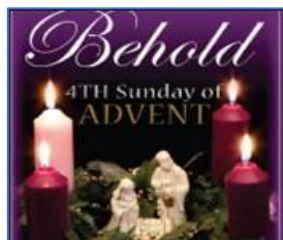
Diocesan Prayer League: Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, St Pius X, Withywood, St Catharine, Chipping Campden, Our Lady and St Kenelm, Stow-on-the-Wold with Bourton-on-the-Water

Mass Book: Year A Volume 1:

Page 90 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Page 106 (Feast of the Holy Family)

Christ the King Church is open most days for private prayer from **10am to 4pm**



Matthew: 1:18-24 'Jesus was born of Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David'



Reflection: Over these past four weeks of Advent, we have been invited to share in the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that only God can bring into all our lives. The days in our Northern Hemisphere may be short and the nights long, with darkness (and rain!) being the norm at this time of year. But through the darkness, there came a bright light, a light that shines for each one of us and guides us gently on a new path.

Sometimes we may find turning to God is not easy: we may feel not ready, we may feel unworthy to do so. But when we feel that way we can turn to Mary and Joseph to help us. Mary and Joseph who put all their trust in God and were obedient to God's command revealed through the Angel of our Lord, at that first Christmas time. After this final week of Advent and the joys of Christmas, we will herald in a New Year, beginning with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (celebrated on the 1st of January every year) and on the Feast of the Holy Family, which succeeds it. May the Holy Family of God bring to our own families and those that we hold

dear, the same grace, patience, understanding, peace and commitment to one another.

A very big "Thank You" to all who contribute in any way to our Parish Family and the special places that are the Churches of Holy Cross and Christ the King. May God bless us all.

Holy Cross

Coffee after Mass - Saturday 10th January

Reading Rota

20th December - Jane Parker
27th December - George Fowler
3rd January - Victoria Fowler

Welcome Rota

20th December - Bella Warren
27th December - Elaine Godfrey
3rd January - Meg Carter

Monthly Rosary

4:40pm Saturday 3rd January



Christmas Greetings!

A very happy and holy Christmas to all Parishioners from Father Frank and Deacons Kingsley and Lawrence.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the love of Mary and Joseph, and the peace of the Christ child be ours this Christmas. And may the

blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

The collection taken at all Masses over Christmas will be your offering to the Clergy. Please use the white envelopes provided if you so wish. For which, many thanks.

Christmas "Live Crib" (CTK)

There will be a practice following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 21st December for the "Living Crib" which will be part of the celebrations during the 10.30am Mass at CTK on Christmas Day

Foodbank

Our last contributions for the year have been passed to the foodbank. Thank you for all donations over the year.

CAFOD

The raffle in support of CAFOD's Advent appeal will be drawn this Sunday, after the 10:30 Mass, in the lounge.

CTK Christmas Services

A volunteer list for readers is now available at the back of Church. Please sign up if you would like to read over the Christmas period.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are ill, in hospital or housebound particularly Carrie Sidoli, Peter Bradshaw, Tony Gaynor, Mary McCoy, Anne McAllister, Mairead O'Donnell.

Recently deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Bishop who died recently we also pray for Michael's family at this sad time. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversaries

We remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time. May they rest in peace Annie McNally, Joan Whitmore, Queenie Rogers, Betty Beedles, Paul Beever, Lori Doyle, Olive Sutton, Jimmy Knapp, John Morris, Beaton Harrington, Ernestine Callejo, Raymond Devonshire, Michael O'Sullivan, Brigid Smith, Ray Goula, Hilda Brown, Annie McNally, John Cunningham, Evelyn Caherty, Eileen Irwin, Audrey Atherton, Teresa Howes, Wendy Murphy, Pete Johnson, Peter Warren, Maria Gilbert, Nicole Jackson, David Parker.

Holy Hour (CTK)

The next Holy Hour prayer service will be on Thursday 8th January at 10.30am.

Christ the King Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night 19:30 Wednesday 21st January
Friday Music Night 19:30 Friday 2nd January

No Sunday music night until 11th of January

There will be no quiz Night on Wednesday 7th January

CTK Readers, Offertory and Music

Date	9.00 Reader	10.30		Collector	Music
		Reader 1	Reader 2		
21st Dec	P Wells	P McGillan	F Pollard	L & S Emm	Choir
28th Dec	P O'Rourke	F Beck	D Nicholls	D & N Waters	Folk Group
4th Jan	D McNulty	G Cullimore	J Dennis	P & L Morrissey	Choir

Christ the King Church Cleaning Rota

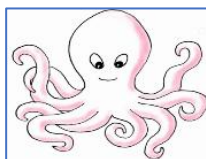
Mon 15th & 22nd Dec M Scott & D Rees
Mon 29th Dec & 5th Jan C & J Hurford

CTK Weekend Coffee Rota

Sunday 21st December: M Gilroy & M Cullimore
Sunday 28th December: S Emm & J Wallis
Sunday 4th January: S & D Nicholls

Special Ministers (CTK) Rota

21st Dec: 9:00 T Fernandez/S Evans 10:30 M Scott/D Nicholls
28th Dec: 9:00 M O'Leary/N McCarthy 10:30 J Wallis/R Hetherington
4th Jan: 9:00 J Hurford/K Gill 10:30 L Emm/ M Wallis



Octopus Pantomime

It's Panto Time Again! Oh yes it is!

Octopus Drama Group will be performing everyone's favourite Pantomime, Cinderella, In the church hall from **Wednesday 7th January to Friday 9th**

January at 7.30 pm and on Saturday 10th January at 11 am and 2.30 pm.



CTK School Christmas Carol Concert

Christ The King School held their Annual Carol Concert on Tuesday 16th December. The evening was fantastic with the children's readings and acting of the Christmas story. Thanks to all who took part, to Margaret

and Julie for their music accompaniment and for all who came along. The Church was packed and it was nice to celebrate together having been unable to do so last year. Well done to everyone who was involved.

We wish all at the school a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.